



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX**

75 Hawthorne Street
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**Notice of Extension of
Public Review Period
To July 6, 2007**

**Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Nitrogen and Biochemical Oxygen Demand
to address Dissolved Oxygen and pH Impairments
in the Lost River watershed in California**

June 14, 2007 Release

PURPOSE OF NOTICE

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting public comments on proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for nitrogen and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) for several water bodies in the Lost River watershed. Comments for the record must be submitted in writing on or before July 6, 2007 to the address below to be considered in the final decision. (Please note that close of this public review period has been extended from its original scheduled closing of June 15th.)

PUBLIC MEETING

EPA will be holding a public meeting to provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn more about the proposed TMDLs. The meeting will be held on Monday, June 25th, 2007, 6 - 8 pm, at the Tulalake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds in Tulalake, California. The purpose of the meeting is to help interested parties understand the proposed TMDLs. The meeting will be an informal session for discussion and question and answer.

COPIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Copies of the proposed nitrogen and BOD TMDLs and related Technical Support Documents are available for public review. Written copies will be available at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Board offices in Santa Rosa, EPA Region 9 Offices in San Francisco, or by contacting Gail Louis by phone at (415) 972-3467 or by email louis.gail@epa.gov. The documents are also available on the EPA web site (<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tmdl/progress.html>).

Comments should be submitted in writing, on or before July 6, 2007, to the following address:

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Comments may also be emailed to louis.gail@epa.gov and followed up by a mailed hard copy. EPA will prepare a responsiveness summary that demonstrates how public comments were considered in the final TMDL decisions. The responsiveness document will be available after the TMDLs are established.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires states to identify water bodies that do not meet water quality standards and then to establish TMDLs for each water body for each pollutant of concern. TMDLs

identify the maximum amount of pollutants that can be discharged to water bodies without causing violations of water quality standards. Several reaches of and water bodies in the Lost River watershed, downstream of Anderson-Rose Dam, are included on the State of California's Section 303(d) list of polluted waters due to water quality impacts associated with nutrient discharges, resulting in low dissolved oxygen and high pH levels. This area is sometimes referred to as the "Lower Lost River." EPA will establish TMDLs for nitrogen and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) for waters in this Lost River watershed in California by December 31, 2007 because of deadlines under a consent decree (*Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, et al. v. Marcus, No. 9504474 MHP, 11 March 1997*), and because the State of California will not be adopting TMDLs for the Lost River by this deadline.